

## Wellington Secondary School PAC Meeting Minutes April 16 2019

At 7:00pm the meeting was called to order by PAC Chair Cindra Caverley recognizing that it is being held on traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Snunymuxw First Nations.

Welcome and introductions: Cindra had sent the info for the nights meeting to the elementary parents hoping to see some who's kids will be at Wellington this Sept. but we did not have any. She gladly welcomed Vice Principal Nicol Suhr who joined us in place of Principal Chad Lintott.

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrea and seconded by Nicol.

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Leana and seconded by Andrea. Nicol advised that the mins be sent to her and Shawn as well and then uploaded onto the School Website under PAC info.

Tamara Stewart our school teacher-librarian wanted to come to introduce herself to our PAC parents and tell us a bit about the exciting changes happening. She is back as of Jan 2019 after a leave and is currently revamping the book collection trying to make it fresh, interesting and relevant regarding the new curriculum.

\$2000 worth of books are coming from Chapters. Her focus is that the library learning commons is viewed as a safe place, work space and source of literature that is welcoming to all. They are open all day - before and after school as well as at lunchtime.

She has started a volunteer Page program for those interested in learning about a library. Along with that is an incentive program that when you add up your volunteering time you earn books from Chapters.

In May there will be an event called a 'Book tasting' set up in a restaurant style setting to quick review the new books and she hopes this will promote literacy.

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The treasurers report was read by Stephanie Mushenski:

Coastal Community Credit Union (current working account)

The current balance is \$11,337.34

Outstanding cheques written but not cashed yet - none

Funds promised but not written cheques for yet \$7111.81

The available balance minus money already promised is \$4225

Principals report given by Vice P Nicol Suhr:

The focus right now is on building timetables, staffing and postings for teachers.

The drama production is in the works to be performed at the end of May.

Our band students have been performing concerts and participating in festivals with many achievements to list.

Currently soccer and badminton are happening.

Our student council this week created an Easter egg hunt for the entire school to participate in. Each student and staff member had an egg with their name on it to find and then could go claim a chocolate from the Counselor office.

Hulquminum 'word of the week' is now happening in the school to promote awareness of the language.

We are approaching the end of the term with report card marks due by April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the report cards will then be published April 30<sup>th</sup>.

DPAC: Cindra spoke about the content of the February DPAC meeting since there was not one in March. There was big conversation regarding assessments more so than the new curriculum. The reality versus the expectations of parents in reference to ongoing feedback and what that should look like. Right now the issue seems to be lack of consistency. Some teachers give more feedback than others. Nicol reminded that it is a pilot program and that everyone is learning as we go and that we all hope to see it improve and meet expectations in the future.

Since this is the last PAC meeting of the school year for us Cindra will forward the DPAC meeting mins from the April and May meetings.

New Business: We voted to update our PAC constitution to state that our AGM meeting will be in September each year. This was moved by Andrea and seconded by Leana with unanimous support by all present. Nicol Suhr asked that the PAC consider allocating funds for supporting both a writers festival and Leadership Conference for the next school year. The writers festival will have local authors and VIU writers coming in and working in the classroom with our students. The Leadership Conference is Federal and occurs annually in September. This year it will be held in Abbotsford and currently there are 8 of our students signed up to go. Stephanie brought forward a request from the Prom Committee asking if the PAC would want to support them with money to cover a couple tickets for students in need. After careful discussion and review it was determined that since the funds are gaming money it would not be permissible to use the funds for such an item.

Old Business: A motion to spend the remaining available funds as listed below was made by Leana and seconded by Andrea with unanimous support from all present.

Three \$500 PAC awards to be given out to the students the counselors choose as worthy recipients. Kids who contribute to the school environment, have decent grades but make a difference and deserve recognition.

\$500 for more new books for the library.

\$2000 for band.

This leaves a running balance of \$225 in the PAC account after all promised funds are accounted for.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th 2019 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes written by Stephanie Mushenski